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## NEW COVID-19 TESTING SITES AVAILABLE FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY RESIDENTS



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**Port Charlotte, Fla. – NEW LOCATION!** The Florida Department of Health in Charlotte County in collaboration with Charlotte County Emergency Management will provide free COVID-19 testing at South County Park starting Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.

**South County Regional Park:** 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda, FL

**Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Residents can secure an appointment for testing by registering at: <https://coadfl.org>

Appointments are required. Individuals must be 18 years and older. No same-day appointments will be made. Walk-ups accepted. Additionally, anti-body testing will not be available.

This is a "drive-thru" service. All individuals must stay in their vehicles during the process (during registration and while being tested). Results may take 7-10 days.

**Charlotte County Sports Park:** 2300 El Jobean Rd, Port Charlotte, FL

**Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Residents can secure an appointment for testing by registering at: <https://coadfl.org>

Appointments **NOT** required but recommended. Individuals must be 18 years and older. No same-day appointments will be made. No "walk-ins" accepted. Additionally, anti-body testing will not be available.

This is a "drive-thru" service. All individuals must stay in their vehicles during the process (during registration and while being tested). Results may take 7-10 days.

**Other Locations Available:**

- Publix Test Site - 4265 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte. No appointment needed. 18 years and older.
- North Port Drive Up Testing (Sarasota County) – More info at: <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/testing-sites/>

- CVS Pharmacy at 2400 Tamiami Trail in Punta Gorda is offering drive through COVID-19 testing by appointment only. Hours are Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 5:30 pm. Saturday and Sunday-10:00am – 4:30 pm. Register at CVS.com

### **Specialty Test Site**

- Amedisys – Homebound Testing – If you are not able to leave your house due to certain medical reasons, you may be eligible for home services. To find out if you qualify, call 941-391-1316

### **Pediatric COVID testing**

- Robert Taylor Community Center Walk-In Clinic - **ALL AGES**. 1845 34th St, Sarasota. No appointment needed. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. while supplies last. More info at: <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/testing-sites/> (Closed Aug. 18 & Nov 3 for voting)
- Turner Agri-Civic Center - **ALL AGES**. 2250 NE Roan Street, Arcadia. Drive-thru site. No appointment needed. Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. More info at: <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/testing-sites/>
- Local Pediatricians – **Most** Charlotte County pediatricians do testing for current patients with symptoms/exposure.

### **Should I be tested for COVID-19? Before you decide to make an appointment to be tested for COVID-19, please consider the following:**

- **Are you ill, or caring for someone who is ill?**
  - **In the two weeks before you felt sick, did you:**
  - Have contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19?
- **Do you have any of the following?**
  - Fever or feeling feverish (chills, sweating)
  - Cough
  - Sore throat
  - Muscle aches or body aches
  - Vomiting or diarrhea
  - Change in smell or taste
- **In the last two weeks have you spent time** (visited, worked or volunteered) in a hospital, emergency room, clinic, medical office, long-term care facility or nursing home, ambulance service, first responder services, any health care setting or taken care of patients or someone who has been sick?
- **Do you have any of the following conditions?**
  - Chronic lung disease, moderate to severe asthma, or smoking
  - Serious heart conditions
  - Weakened immune system (cancer treatment, prolonged use of steroids, transplant or HIV/AIDS)
  - Severe obesity (Body Mass Index [BMI] greater than or equal to 40)
  - Underlying conditions (diabetes, renal failure, or liver disease)

### **Please stop the spread of COVID-19:**

- If you have been tested for COVID-19, please stay at home until you receive your test results.

- Follow social distancing, even when you are at work and home (especially if someone in your home is sick)
- Stay at home if you are sick, or if you have been around someone who has been sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Cover your coughs and sneezes; cough or sneeze into a tissue NOT in your hands!
- Cover your face with a cloth face covering when you are in public or around others.
- Clean and disinfect frequently used surfaces
- Avoid travel to higher risk areas (areas known to have high numbers of cases)

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) releases a report on COVID-19 cases in Florida once per day. There is also a report detailing surveillance data for every Florida county. The Florida Department of Health also releases a list of long-term care facilities in Florida with active cases and number of deaths in each facility.

The surveillance data, long term care data and information on a case-by-case basis can be found at: <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/#latest-stats>

For information and advisories from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please visit the CDC COVID-19 website, this website is also available in Spanish and Creole.

**The COVID-19 Call Center is available 24/7 | 1 (866) 779-6121 | [COVID-19@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov)**

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